



Congresswoman McCollum stands with nonprofit leaders on Capitol Hill.

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Background of the *Nonprofit Sector and Community Solutions Act* (H.R. 5533)

At a [press conference](#) on Capitol Hill on June 16, 2010, Congresswoman Betty McCollum (MN-04) announced the introduction of her groundbreaking legislation, the [*Nonprofit Sector and Community Solutions Act*](#) (H.R. 5533)

. This bill is one of the first federal initiatives to address the nonprofit sector as a whole. It will take the first steps toward integrating the nonprofit sector into the federal policymaking process by establishing formal structures in Congress and federal administrative agencies focused on the success of nonprofits.

H.R. 5533 will create a bipartisan "United States Council on Nonprofit Organizations and Community Solutions," comprised of leaders from nonprofits, foundations, businesses, and all levels of government to identify high-priority issues and make formal recommendations to Congress and the Administration. The legislation will also establish the "Interagency Working Group on Nonprofit Organizations and the Federal Government" to improve policy coordination among agencies in their dealings with nonprofit organizations to enhance outcomes and accountability. Finally, the Nonprofit Sector and Community Solutions Act would assign the Department of Commerce the task of compiling data on nonprofits and develop metrics for performance, establish reporting requirements, and expand information so Congress can make well-informed policy decisions on nonprofit legislation.

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